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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS" STAMPS

1. The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the last set of commemorative stamps for 1991 on WEDNESDAY, 20 November. The "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" stamps will be the third in the series of five issues which, when completed, will reproduce the entire text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every year UNPA will issue six stamps in six denominations. The stamp design, a specially selected work of art, will represent one of the Declaration's 30 articles. Under each stamp on the 12-stamp sheet there will be a label containing the complete text of the article being illustrated. On all sheets, the labels will alternate in English, French and German.

2. The stamps will be printed by Joh. Enschede en Zonen, Netherlands, using offset lithography. They were adapted as stamps by Robert Stein, a United Nations staff member.

3. The concept and sheet design for this extraordinary stamp series was developed by Arleigh Gaines, United States of America.

4. The stamps will measure 33 mm x 33 mm, perforation to perforation. Perforation: 13 1/2 x 13 1/2. The quantities are 2,502,000 stamps and 2,502,000 labels of each of the articles.

5. The art work is credited to the following sources:

Article 13

Ford Madox Brown,
United Kingdom
The Last of England
Birmingham Museum
and Art Gallery,
United Kingdom

Denomination: 30 cents

Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS 30c
Article 13 (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.
(2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.
Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS 30c
Article 13 1) Toute personne a le droit de circuler librement et de choisir sa residence à l'intérieur d'un Etat.
2) Toute personne a le droit de quitter tout pays, y compris le sien, et de revenir dans son pays.
Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS 30c
Artikel 13 (1) Jeder Mensch hat das Recht auf Freizügigkeit und freie Wahl seines Wohnsitzes innerhalb eines Staates.
(2) Jeder Mensch hat das Recht, jedes Land, einschließlich seines eigenen, zu verlassen sowie in sein Land zurückzukehren.

Article 14

Tito Salas, Venezuela
The Emigration to the East
Courtesy of the
Casa Natal del Libertador,
Caracas

Denomination: 50 cents

Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS 50c
Article 14 (1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.
(2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.
Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS 50c
Article 14 1) Devant la persécution, toute personne a le droit de chercher asile et de bénéficier de l'asile en d'autres pays.
2) Ce droit ne peut être invoqué dans le cas de poursuites réellement fondées sur un crime de droit commun ou sur des agissements contraires aux buts et aux principes des Nations Unies.
Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS 50c
Artikel 14 (1) Jeder Mensch hat das Recht, in anderen Ländern vor Verfolgungen Asyl zu suchen und zu genießen.
(2) Dieses Recht kann jedoch im Falle einer Verfolgung wegen nichtpolitischer Verbrechen oder wegen Handlungen, die gegen die Ziele und Grundsätze der Vereinten Nationen verstoßen, nicht in Anspruch genommen werden.

Article 15

Paul Klee, Germany
Early Morning in Ro....1925.
(Watercolour on paper,
mounted on cardboard,
16 5/8" x 21 1/4"
(42 x 53.9 cm))
Collection,
The Museum of Modern Art,
New York (Gift of
Mrs. Gertrud A. Melon)

Denomination: F.s. 0,50

Droits de l'homme
NATIONS UNIES F.S.0.50
Article 15 1) Tout individu a droit à une nationalité.
2) Nul ne peut être arbitrairement privé de sa nationalité, ni du droit de changer de nationalité.
Droits de l'homme
NATIONS UNIES F.S.0.50
Artikel 15 (1) Jeder Mensch hat Anspruch auf eine Staatsangehörigkeit.
(2) Niemandem darf seine Staatsangehörigkeit willkürlich entzogen noch ihm das Recht versagt werden, seine Staatsangehörigkeit zu wechseln.
Droits de l'homme
NATIONS UNIES F.S.0.50
Article 15 (1) Everyone has the right to a nationality.
(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

Article 16

Jan Van Eyck, Netherlands
The Marriage of Giovanni (?) Arnolfini and Giovanna Cenami (?)
The National Gallery, London

Denomination: F.s. 0,90

Article 17

Unknown
Ancient Mexican Pottery
University of Veracruz, Museum of Anthropology

Denomination: S 4.50

Article 18

Robert Delaunay, France
Windows, 1912
(Encaustic on canvas, 31 1/2" x 27 5/8" (79.9 x 70 cm))
Collection, The Museum of Modern Art, New York (The Sidney and Harriet Janis Collection)

Denomination: S 7

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,50: 37 cents; F.s. 0,90: 67 cents; S 4.50: 42 cents; S 7: 65 cents - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

6. The stamps will be available in selling units of SINGLES and FULL SHEETS ONLY. Please note that a SINGLE unit will consist of a block of six images, i.e., three stamps with three labels on which the article is printed in English, French and German.

7. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared New York, Geneva and Vienna cancelled first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets ONLY. First-day covers will be available as M.I. Block of six (three stamps and three labels with marginal inscription) and combination (one of each stamp in one currency with attached label in either English, French or German and sold in sets of the three languages).

8. The 1991 annual collection folders will also go on sale on 20 November:

(a) The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps issued in 1991 (excluding the human rights series);

(b) The third multi-denominational folder containing the six 1991 mint stamps and articles in the human rights series;

(c) A special triple cancelled Human Rights annual collection folder with the stamps in all three denominations affixed and appropriately cancelled in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

9. For the convenience of the members of delegations and the staff, the new stamps, folders and first-day cancellation will be available on WEDNESDAY, 20 November, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.